



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

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Application No.: 10/702,096

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For: A SEMI-BIOLOGICAL INTERVERTEBRAL DISC REPLACEMENT SYSTEM

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF PERIOD FOR RESPONSE
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents
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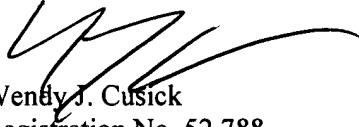
Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), an extension of time of one (1) month (from September 1, 2004, to October 1, 2004) within which to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated July 1, 2004, is requested. A check in the amount of \$55 is enclosed herewith to cover the extension fee. Applicant is entitled to small entity status in accordance with 37 CFR 1.27. The Commissioner is authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 16-0631 any underpayments, overpayments or additionally required fees.

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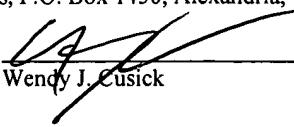
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